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Art Work by Jose Rivera

HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas!

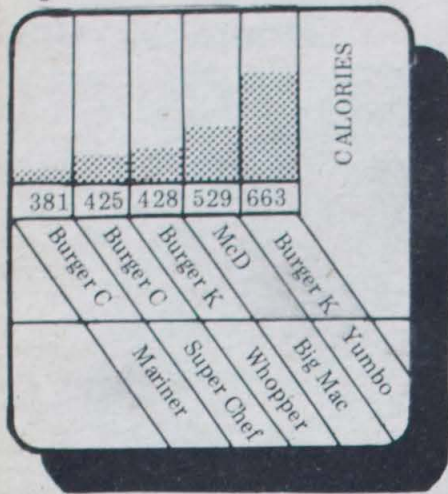
New Expression takes a peek at Reagan's Christmas list to find out what he has under the Christmas tree for teens. For a look inside his

bag turn to page 4.

Inside NE's bag is a special holiday list of things to do and places to go. Turn to the back pages.

THE INSIDE TRACK

Pill may end panic dieting



HEALTH/SEXUALITY

And if you're counting your calories, watch out for your favorite fast foods. A new Department of Agriculture study reports that a typical fast food meal such as a cheeseburger, fries and a chocolate shake contains over 500 calories. That's half of the daily intake for a 160 pound man.

Potatoes contain little fat themselves. But french fries when cooked in animal fat contain heavy cholesterol.

See the chart above for calorie breakdowns on some fast foods.

In the midst of the fad-diet era, researchers at Harvard University have come up with an easier way to lose weight that could be as simple as taking a pill.

The "thin pill," as it is called, is based on the enzyme ATPase which regulates the storage of fat.

This pill is still in early stages but researchers are hopeful of finding a chemical that will totally control the production of ATPase.

Celebrate your younger brother's or sister's twelfth birthday by buying him a bottle of Bud!

Bill Saunders, director of the Alcohol Study Center at Paisleys College of Technology, says that twelve is the right age to start teaching kids how to drink safely.

According to Saunders, drinking is a skill that must be learned. By starting out early and conditioning the body to alcohol at a gradual pace, the organs can absorb more alcohol. Saunders says this process could ward off alcoholism eventually.

Teen prostitution moves north

UP-DATE

In the February, 1978 issue of **New Expression** we wrote about teenaged prostitutes who were operating their own business through protected call houses.

At that time the prostitution ring was operating on the Southside at Amy Jo's (82nd and Cottage Grove) and the Grand Hotel (50th and King Drive). The three adults who operated the ring catered to their friends.

Both the operators and their friends

gave out the girls' numbers to selective customers. We named a pimp with the nickname of "Butter" who was the girls' protector against the police and against perverted customers.

Today this ring has moved to the Northside near Belmont and Broadway.

Last month Channel 5 ran a week-long news special on this teen prostitution ring. Channel 5 identified "Butter" as George Williams.

The opening news program showed a 16-year-old girl, whom Channel 5 named Martha. She had revealed her connection with the ring and George

Williams to the police and to the reporter. She agreed to take a plain clothes policewoman with her to tell Williams she was quitting. While the hidden cameras took his picture, "Butter" grabbed Martha by the hand and struck her. When the policewoman spoke up, he punched her to the ground. At that point the police moved in to arrest "Butter." Rich Samuels, a member of the Channel 5 newsteam told us on Nov. 21 that George Williams ("Butter") is being charged with assault and a possible pandering charge.

Fare hike: Take it or speak up

CITY

Even with a student reduced-fare card, taking public transportation to school will probably cost an extra 30¢ a day after Jan. 1.

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) wants to raise the regular fare to 80¢ and the student fare to 40¢.

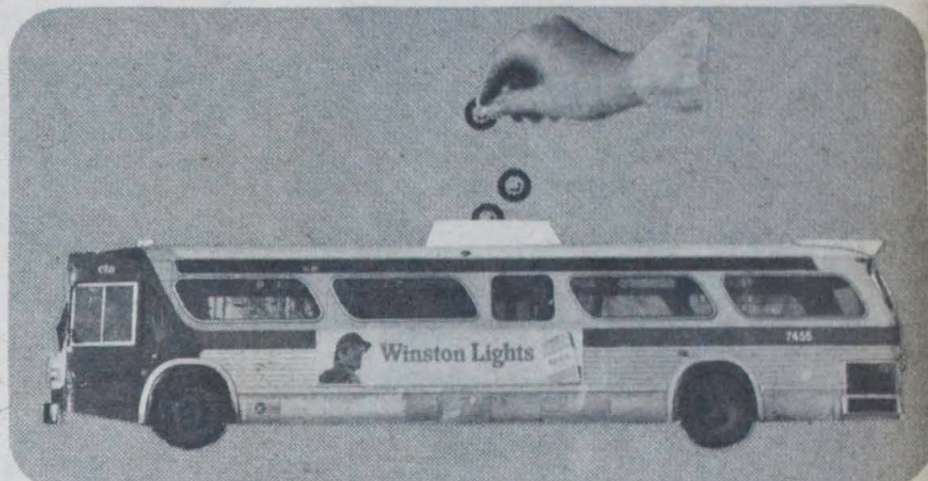
What can you do about it? A spokeswoman for the RTA said, "There's not a whole lot you can do. If the RTA wants a fare increase, they'll probably get it. Usually this can only be altered by the state legislature (voting it down)." However, she added that it might help to voice an opinion at the public hearings the RTA will hold on the fare increase. These hearings are being held on Dec. 11, at 7:30 pm at three sites:

DePaul University, Lincoln Park Campus, University Center, Main Floor; University of Illinois, Circle Campus in the Illinois Room; Chicago State University, Main Conference Room.

If you want to express your opinion at the hearing, have your statement proposal ready ahead of time because each person is given a limited amount of time to speak.

A tip to those seniors who plan to apply for an Illinois State Scholarship grant: apply now!

Money is tight for this year's grants. The Illinois State Scholarship Commission (ISSC) stopped awarding grants on Aug. 28 when it ran out of money. On



Nov. 11 the Illinois Board of Higher Education voted to ask the General Assembly to appropriate \$5,287,000 to bail out ISSC. In the meantime, nearly 15,000 have been piling up in the ISSC office. According to an ISSC spokesperson, 10,700 of these unanswered applications are from students who are both eligible for grants and already enrolled in Illinois colleges.

Because ISSC has a first-come, first-served policy in awarding grants, these applications that have piled up will have first priority of consideration before any of the applications for 1981-82 will be funded.

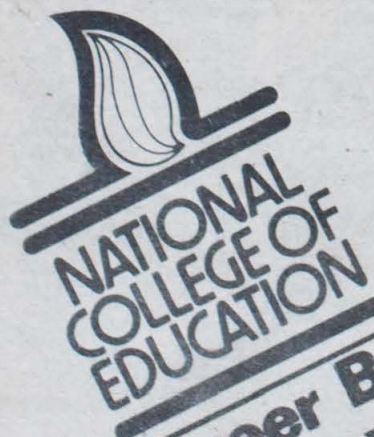
Fran Schoenfield of ISSC believes that the bail out money from the General Assembly is very doubtful. She advises seniors in Illinois high schools to apply for grants right now.

If an applicant is not sure yet which Illinois college or university she/he will attend, it is all right to list one Illinois

college now and change the name of the Illinois college later. According to Claudette Young of ISSC, "If the student is awarded a scholarship, he will receive a blue slip with his notification. The blue slip allows him to change the name of the Illinois college he originally put down if he chooses to."

In case the Illinois General Assembly refuses to give ISSC the added five million dollars in this year's budget, the Scholarship Commission will have to wait until July 1 when the new 1981-82 budget begins. At that time they will still consider the back log of applications beginning with last August. Therefore, the earlier the date on the application, the better the chance to be approved before next year's budget runs out.

Grant money is sent directly to the Illinois college to pay tuition so a student must be accepted by the college before money is released.



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Public and private high schools in the city seem to be going ahead with plans for holiday dances despite the number of school dances this fall that have been marked by violence and vandalism.

In a survey of 23 city high schools, New Expression discovered that 17 of them have experienced disturbances at their social events this year. Over half of the students surveyed in these schools (53 percent) said that their parents are concerned about this problem and are trying to keep them from attending. About 25 percent said that they themselves were afraid to attend dances because of the violence.

The greatest number of incidents we uncovered were on the Southside. At Mendel High School, where weekend sets on the Bi-level (cafeteria and gym) attracted hundreds of teens every week, the dances are now dim. "There's no possibility of a holiday dance this year, or, to tell the truth, there's no possibility of any dance this year. The administration will think about it again next year," said Sam Rayappan, who organized dances at Mendel.

According to Mendel's school paper, *The Mendelian*, one student was chased by a gang after a dance. "One of them came up to me and said, 'You Mendel boys think you all are bad,' and started swinging at us."

At the Halloween Dance at Whitney Young, students reported attempted muggings during the dance for items like gold chains. One girl at the dance, who asked not to be identified, said that a stranger grabbed her wrist and said, "Let's talk." When she refused, he twisted her wrist and pulled her to the back of the gym. "I started screaming," she said, "but nobody heard me. They were playing rock music loud."

Even Lindblom's sock hops, which are held after school to avoid nighttime transportation from the area, have now been threatened by gangs. According to a Lindblom student, "The Disciples threw snow onto the dance floor, which provoked a fight between them and the football team. In retaliation, the Disciples jumped some Lindblom students on the way home from the dance."

The non-school teen-sponsored events are also facing problems. At the Blue Gargoyle in



Photo courtesy of ABC

Violence mars school dances

The good old days are gone, when the biggest thing to worry about at high school dances was who you would dance with. Now, it's where is the security guard?

Hyde Park, Rod Rhodes, Asst. Administrator, says that they have had some problems at the discos, "like breaking of windows and a couple of fights, but nothing serious," he said.

Rhodes feels that he has limited the difficulties by involving six to ten adult volunteers as well as the police as chaperones. "Also, paying a security guard has a psychological effect on the crowd. If the guard or the police see people gathering outside, they stop them and question them."

David Cohen is concerned about the disruption to dances at The Center, a teen center in Uptown. "We've had some problems with vandalism and violence," he said. "One guy slapped a girl, and she pulled a gun on him. We've had fights between rival gang members. There's always the

potential for violence — any place that deals with people off the streets.

"We used to have problems with breaking glass, but then we put in plexiglass windows. We ask

the police to patrol, but usually they're so busy that they just drive on by," he said.

Cohen admits that most of the teens at their dances don't want to involve the police. "We've heard complaints of police over-reacting. We don't want the kids to be taken to jail."

According to our survey of 23 schools, the vandalism and violence problem at dances seems to be most severe on the far south side. At Carver, 82% of the students polled expressed fear and at Mendel 79% reported a problem. In comparison, Senn, a Northside school, only reported problems from 21% of the students surveyed.

Students in Oak Park and Evanston reported no violence disrupting their dances. "I'm not trying to put the city down," said Bruce Hay of Oak Park-River Forest, "but there isn't any problem in the suburbs at the dances."

While some schools such as Cathedral seem to eliminate disruptions with good police cooperation, students from other schools complain about the lack of police security. Kevin Cooks, a senior at Whitney-Young, said he tried to flag down a policeman because his car had been vandalized during a dance. "A few police cars went by but they wouldn't stop," he said. "I called the police, and it took 30 minutes for them to arrive. I filed a police report, and I haven't heard from them since."

An editorial in *The Mendelian* called the police security there "laughable" and asked for better security. A senior at Mendel said, "Nothing's changed. After one dance the chaperones were inside drinking pop while a fight was going on outside. They were too scared to do anything."

"We always cooperate with the police," he said. (Continued on page 8)

School	Agree: there is a problem with violence	Main problem	Agree: fewer students are attending	Agree: I'm afraid to attend	Agree: my parents are afraid
Carver, Far South	82%	Violence after dance	89%	39%	75%
Senn, Far North	21%	Violence after dances	13%	6%	21%
Simeon, South	16%	Violence after dances	16%	41%	75%
Juarez, Near South	6%	None	6%	6%	38%
Mendel, Far South	79%	Violence during and after dances	71%	21%	64%
Whitney Young, Central	72%	Vandalism during dances	48%	28%	34%
Overall 23 schools	57%	Violence after the dance	51%	20%	51%



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Teen programs shift directions

"It is very likely that the sub-minimum wage bill will be passed into law for teens."

by Kevin Thompson

The inauguration of Ronald Reagan as the 40th President of the United States next month will probably mean more to teens than just a day to watch television during history class.

Because Mr. Reagan will have the support of a Republican Senate, political experts are already predicting a change as big as the one that occurred in 1932 when Franklin Roosevelt took office.

Some facts of life that teens have grown up with may stop existing. Some laws and programs that affected their older brothers and sisters may affect their jobs and their education in very different ways.

New Expression has spent the last month putting together the pieces of the Reagan victory as it is likely to affect teens. Here is our analysis.

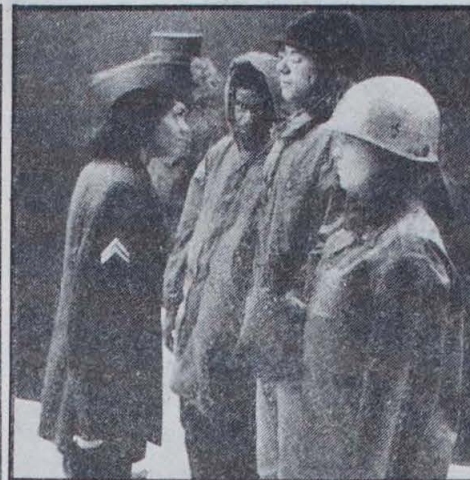


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The Draft

Throughout the 1980 election campaign President-elect Reagan repeatedly said that he opposed the drafting or registration of any Americans during peace times.

John Rossen, Chicago representative for Patriot's Against Registration and the Draft, has mixed feelings about Reagan's stand on the issue. "Reagan did say he was against the draft and registration during peace times, but to date his transition team has made no promise, or even suggested that Reagan would cancel the registration in January after his inauguration," John stated.

The President does have the power to continue or cancel the registration and a draft of American citizens. "Since the President can abolish registration, and he repeatedly spoke out against it during his campaign, we intend to hold his hand to the fire," John added. "We have already sent telegrams to Reagan and Carter to urge them to abolish registration by executive order."

Reagan also stated that he was in favor of building up the number of recruits in the military by increasing military salaries.

New Expression Projection: Registration is scheduled to resume January 5-10 for those born in 1962. Then individuals will register independently upon their 18th birthday.

Reagan will not be inaugurated until January 20th. The concerns between now and shortly after the inauguration don't seem to point in favor of cancelling the January registration.

Seniors considering the military as a possible option after graduation probably have a brighter pay picture to look at. It is likely, based on Reagan's strong views to strengthen the military and its personnel, that he will grant a pay raise.

Health/sexuality

President-elect Reagan spoke very little about health issues during his campaign. But he did stand firm on his opposition to abortion-on-demand. He favors a Constitutional amendment that would once again make abortions illegal and will continue the ban against using federal Medicaid money for abortions.

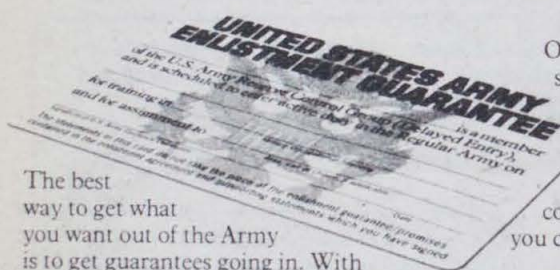
As a governor, Reagan tried to cut state support for mental health programs. Teens in Illinois are already caught on waiting lists because funds for psychiatric care are not equal to the demand. Further federal cuts could worsen the problem at a time when teen suicide is at an all-time high.

Reagan's transition team predicts that environmental controls will be lifted from industry. That means that the businesses of this community will be responsible on their own to protect our water, air and land from poisons. These are poisons that are causing cancer, birth defects and lung disease. If this happens, teens will have to depend upon businesses to place our health above their profits. Otherwise, most of us won't live to be as old as the president-elect.

New Expression Projection: Health care under the Reagan administration will still be up to the individual except for catastrophic expenses such as kidney dialysis. Psychiatric care will probably become more of a rich teen's opportunity.

Without government restrictions on private industry in the area of toxic wastes, young adults will have to learn how to check out their food, water and air. The Crime Syndicate is already hiring out trucking to dispose of toxic waste illegally, and so the worst enemy we may have by 1984 could be the food and water on our tables.

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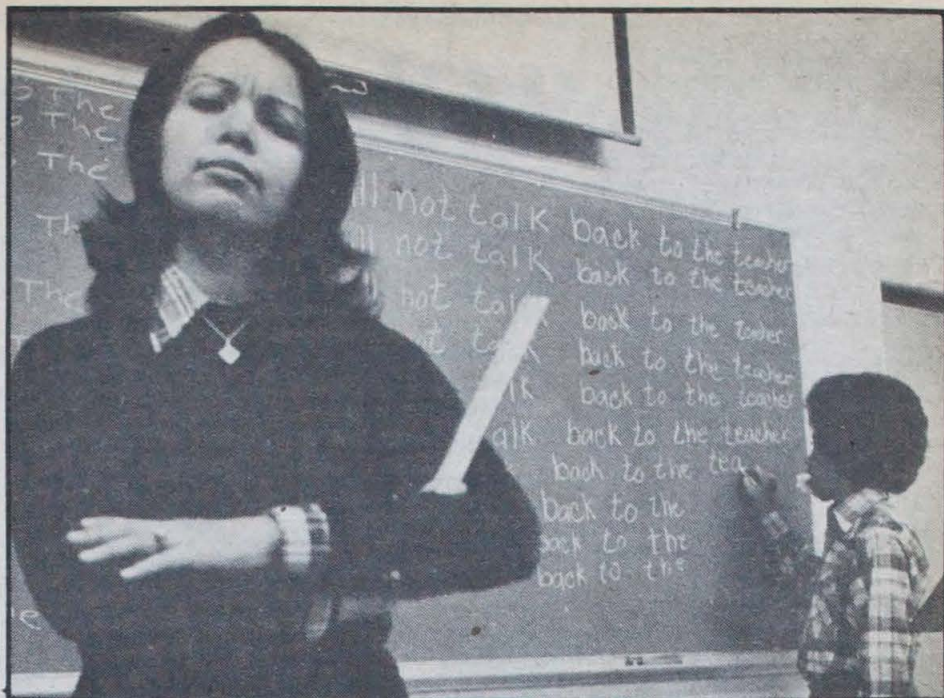


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College funding

Reagan keeps his promise of holding down the national budget, then he will be unable to increase funding for BEOG college grants. The BEOG is a federally funded program which grants monetary awards based on a family's financial need. Students may receive up to \$1,900 from the BEOG per year. With the rising cost of college tuition, teens will have to find other ways to meet college expenses if Reagan does not increase funds for this program.

Some educators are suggesting that Reagan will channel BEOG money to the states instead of keeping it in federal grants. Such a change could mean bad news for students. Illinois students would probably be able to receive more money in the future from the State Scholarship Commission, but they would be eligible for money from only one source. The bottom line might mean less grant money will be available to students.

The Illinois State Scholarship Commission is already \$9,000,000 in debt (see page 2). If Reagan transfers BEOG funds to the state of Illinois, this might save the Illinois State Scholarship Commission from its potential bankrupt position, but students probably won't receive much more in grants next year.

In January, 1981, parents will be able to borrow money for their children's college costs through the National Direct Student Loan Program (NDSL) at the new interest rate of 9%. Since this is less than the 14-18% average interest rates in banks for personal loans, the NDSL is one alternative for parents. With the inflation rate continuing to rise, and with the low interest rates available on savings accounts and other saving devices, families may actually benefit by borrowing at low interest rates when they need funds for college, instead of saving money.

New Expression Projection: Because Reagan feels education is the responsibility of the states, BEOG funds will probably be transferred to the states. Illinois students probably will not receive much more money than that previously available from state funds, because the federal government will be giving Illinois BEOG money to pay off the Scholarship Commission's outstanding debts.

Although it makes sense to borrow money for college with the low interest rates available, funds are severely limited and will probably not be available for all qualified applicants.

Youth jobs

"Reagan favors a sub-minimum wage law. We are going to be in a lot of trouble in the next four years," said Judith Mercadel, a representative of the Youth Council/National Coalition for Economic Justice.

"Reagan wants to get rid of CETA," she said. "We want it preserved, but this time we want teens to receive real job skills that they can use," Judith said.

Throughout his campaign Reagan expressed his support of a sub-minimum wage for teen-agers. Right now, the bill which was introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) is under debate on the Senate floor. The bill, if passed into law, will make it possible for teens to work at 75 percent of the minimum wage. In January the minimum wage will be \$3.30 an hour. This means that teens under sub-minimum will work for \$2.38 an hour.

Reagan also said he would encourage private industry to hire more teens at sub-minimum and that he would give tax breaks to private industry if they hire disadvantaged youth.

New Expression called a few of the larger Chicago-based corporations to see how they plan to cooperate with such a youth job plan. McDonald's, a major teen employer, has not yet formulated an opinion about sub-minimum wage. Their Personnel Department told us that nothing had been decided. At the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, James Salem of the Personnel Office said, "The corporation really hasn't thought much about it. We have no stand at this time on sub-minimum wage."

Earlier this year Reagan said he was opposed to the CETA program as it stands. John Jackson, Director of the IN-School CETA Program at the Archdiocese office said that "CETA's future is hard to determine at this point. We don't know what's going to happen with the program. I do think that many of the CETA cuts will affect programs not involving youth employment."

New Expression Projection: It is very likely that the sub-minimum wage bill will be passed into law for teens. It is hard to access what kind of jobs will be available in the private sector for teens since the Reagan transitional team has not commented and industries and corporations have little idea.

CETA will suffer under Reagan. There are likely to be major cuts. Last year President Carter cut thousands of youth CETA jobs. Reagan is opposed to the program.

Schools

During November the Senate approved a bill that would prevent the Justice Department from taking court action on busing to end segregation in schools. Budget Director James McIntyre stated that "this provision is unacceptable to President Carter and so he will veto the bill if it passes the House of Representatives."

According to high ranking officials on Reagan's transition team, this bill would be acceptable to President-elect Reagan. Reagan publicly denounced busing as a means to desegregate inner city schools last month.

The Reagan philosophy is for less support (or interference) in education from Washington. According to a federal official of the Reagan organization, "He is certain that the requirement for bilingual classes for students not knowing English will be withdrawn by the new administration as one of its first acts."

Many of the federally funded programs in public high schools are likely to be reduced under the Reagan philosophy. Some of the more important programs to students are the free and reduced lunch programs, the free book program; reading, math and language labs, specialized education programs for the physically and mentally handicapped, vocational programs and audio-visual equipment.

New Expression Projection: A lot less money from federal taxes will be available to education under the Reagan administration. Students in Illinois who require special help or need specialized programs to remain in school will have to count on the State to find new money to keep these programs alive.

Busing will only exist if the city school boards approve it. These school boards are not going to be pushed to do it by the Reagan administration.

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by Karyn Collins
with Tony Blair

Who's Who sets price of honor

Seeking honor? For many high school students that means hard work, dedication and about \$36.00

Audrey was a "C" average student at Immaculata last year when she was invited to appear in the book *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. The letter of invitation told her that she had been recommended. It sounded like a big honor. But was it?

If it is an honor to be recommended, then a qualified person should do the recommending. Nobody at Audrey's school had submitted her name.

The *Who's Who* brochure claims that "recommendations are received from over 10,000 high schools and youth programs at the national and local level." But our interviews with 12 high school principals and counselors in the Chicago-area indicate that principals and counselors are as surprised as their students when they hear who has been nominated.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) actually discourages school principals from participating in the *Who's Who* program. The Chicago Principals Association leaves the decision to each principal.

Edward Oliver, principal of Julian, said that he approved two students' participation in *Who's Who* in 1977-78. Now that he has learned more about the company's operation he has stopped encouraging his students to participate.

Audrey Ward, a counselor at Corliss, is concerned that there are so few media that honor the achievement of high school students and so she will not criticize a company that is trying to carry out that goal. "I do advise my students of the money-making side of the honor, and I let each student make the decision for himself," she said.

Paul Krause, the publisher of *Who's Who*, insists that the NASSP resolution that discourages principals from participating does not apply to his company. "I believe our publication's criteria is clarified with the expended and definitive set of standards," he said.

This new 14-point "Standards for Evaluating" still does not clear up the issue of who is qualified to nominate a student. The all-important statement on nominations reads: "Nominations will be from established organizations that work with and for the benefit of high school aged youth."

Those students who receive a nomination and wish to appear in *Who's Who* must return their biog-

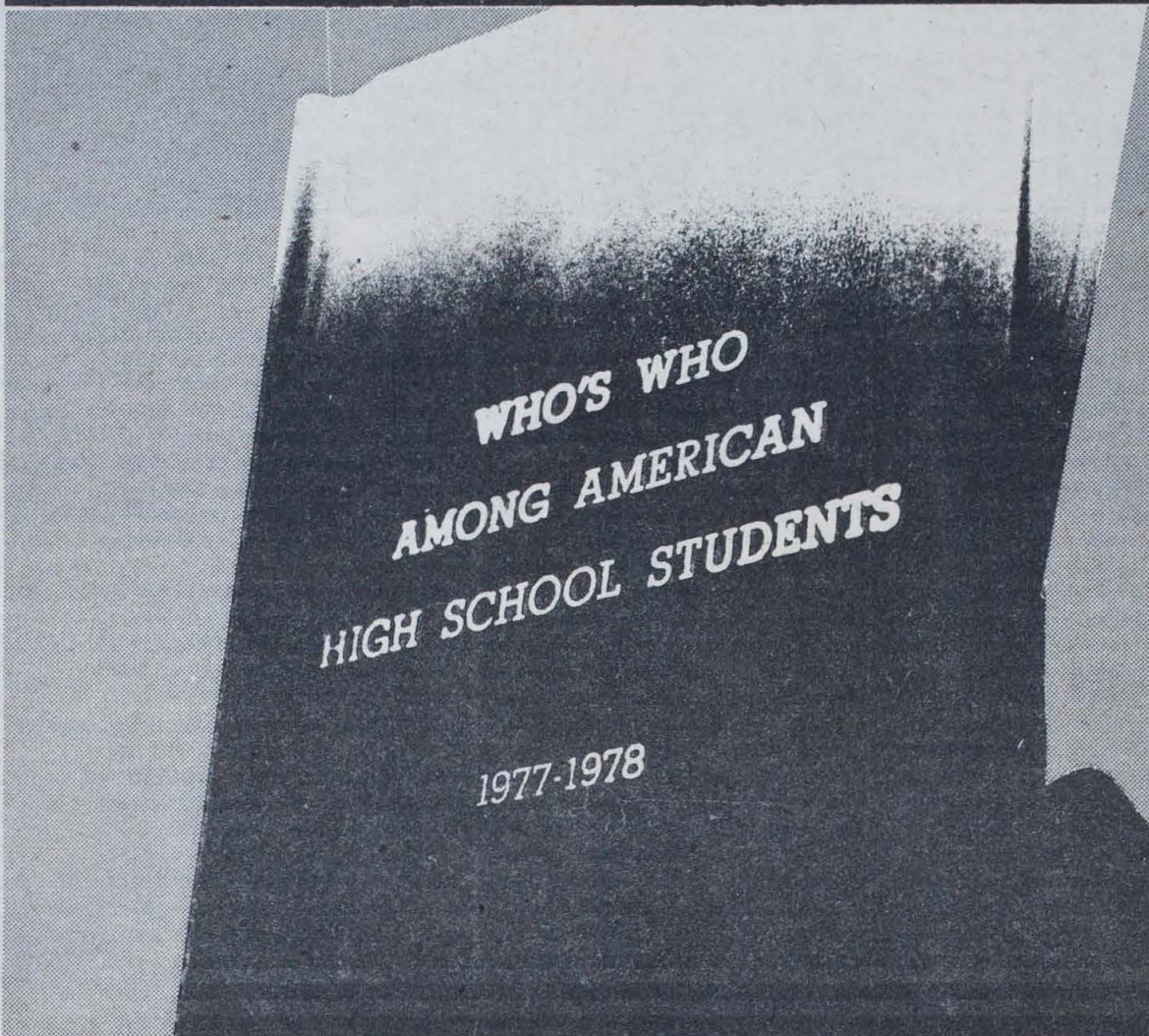


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ographies to Educational Communications, Inc. in Northbrook, Ill. There, a computer evaluates their biographies to determine whether they are eligible.

According to a Fact Sheet released by Public Relations Network/International about the *Who's Who* program, all straight "A" students, Valedictorians and Salutatorians are automatically accepted into the book. Students with a "B" average must show involvement in two or more school or community activities. Those activities can include a salaried

job or participation in a youth organization or church organization.

The Fact Sheet states that a few "C" average students (less than 1.1 percent) are accepted if they have other outstanding achievements. In the course of this investigation, *New Expression* was able to find four "C" average students who had received nominations.

According to these academic and achievement standards at least 30 percent of the juniors and seniors in this country are eligible

for acceptance. That means that about 2,000,000 students would be eligible to be honored, which is not a very exclusive group.

Tom White, a *Who's Who* nominee from DeLaSalle, said he still considers being in *Who's Who* pretty much an honor. "Even though it seems like everybody is in it," he said. "It will give me a chance to look at other people and their accomplishments from other parts of the country."

Although the *Who's Who* brochure explains that "there are

no financial obligations whatsoever to this award or to the granting of scholarships," the students and principals we interviewed said that the money-making side of *Who's Who* had spoiled the "honor-giving" side. As Joan Brunsman, a counselor at Seton, put it, "*Who's Who* may give students the opportunity to gain scholarships, but at the same time, they try to use the students to make money."

The *Who's Who* invitation offers honorees a book, which contains the student's biography and picture (\$5 extra), for \$22.95. The invitation also offers a personalized certificate of merit for \$2.95, pins at \$8.95, plaques for \$12.95 and a mug for \$8.95. Students aren't obligated to buy any of these items, but they receive brochure after brochure in the mail pushing these items.

Last year Karen Black of Whitney Young, bought a book and a plaque for about \$36. Karen said that although she now realizes that *Who's Who* has lots of faults, she doesn't regret spending the money. "The book and the plaque represent what I have personally achieved," she argued.

David Howard, DeLaSalle, a *Who's Who* nominee this year, says he will buy a certificate even though he's heard that *Who's Who* is, as he puts it, "out for money." "I still think it's an honor, and I think I deserve some type of recognition. If this is it, I'll take it," David said.

This is the second year in a row that Juanita Wyatt, Elizabeth Seton, has been a nominee. She knows that her school did not nominate her either year. "What's important is what I think of it rather than what *Who's Who* says it is. And, I myself feel that it is an honor," she said.

Juanita did not purchase a book or any other item that the company offers because she, too, had heard that the company was out to get money.

Thomas Krug, a 1980 graduate of St. Ignatius and his brother Robert were both nominated and both declined to participate. "We were aware that *Who's Who* didn't really mean a lot. We didn't think it was worth our time. Besides, don't like filling out forms anyway," Thomas said.

As the reporter who investigated this program, I have to admit that I too was nominated. I purchased two books last year for about \$55. The honor still tantalizes me, but this investigation forced me to accept the fact that I may have attempted to buy an honor that I had already earned.

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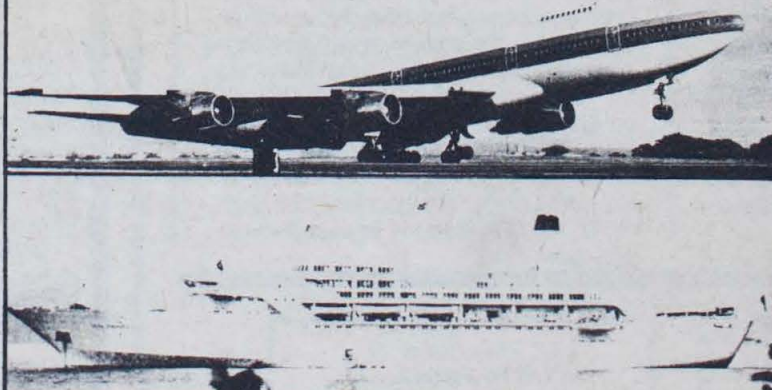
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Employers suspect teen skills

by Jackie Acoff
with Arnold Raggs

Johnny can't read! Johnny can't write! Johnny can't spell! Johnny can't handle difficult math problems! These were all charges made against grade school and high school students during the 70's.

The Johnny's are now 18 and are seeking employment in Chicago-area businesses. Many of them feel that they don't have a chance in the job market. They are viewed as problem cases who lack basic skills.

The seven major Chicago employers interviewed by New Expression for this story (Harris Bank, Sears Tower Bank, Montgomery Ward, Michael Reese Hospital, Commonwealth Edison, Market Facts and Andy Frain) say that they are willing to give teens a chance in the job market, but they see certain weaknesses in most of today's teens that they don't expect to find in older employees.

According to George Criddell, an interviewer at Commonwealth Edison, "Some of them (the teens) can't fill out the applications. I have to give it to them three and four times before they fill it out correctly."

Astead Herndon of the Harris Bank and Trust said that teens "expect business to give them a lot". Herndon feels that the majority of teens who apply at the bank and are hired need more training in clerical and computer skills and are not very comfortable with basic math and English.

An interviewer for Andy Frain, Inc., Bill Rogers, says that teens are not interested in the work they

are doing." Most of them are just looking for a job to make money," he said. He feels this lack of motivation in their work stems from their lack of motivation in school. He goes on to say that "most of them go to school to pick up the basics and hurry up and get out."

When the personnel directors hold this opinion about the "Johnny can't read generation," does it affect a teen's chances of getting a job?

"I used to feel defeated before I even filled out an application," said Vernica Odum, 17, a salesclerk at Montgomery Ward. After applying at "a lot of places," she finally secured her job because she had a contact at Montgomery Ward.

Kathy Johnson, a senior at Sullivan, said she went for an interview at Zayre and liked the man who interviewed her. "But he made me think I was getting the job. It seems to me that the only way you can get a job is through some kind of connection".

Celine Jarrett, a senior at Kenwood, said that she knows lots of teens "who have tried to get jobs and who are still trying." Celine got her job at a nursery day care center by filling out an application each week. "By doing this," she says, "the manager took me seriously and saw that I was really enthusiastic about getting the job."

This quality of "enthusiasm" was one positive quality that the personnel directors mentioned about teen job applications — when they weren't describing their weaknesses.

Nola Jones, an interviewer at Michael Reese Hospital, said that



Photo by Patrick Hunt

the teens who work at Michael Reese showed "enthusiasm and interest" in the job interview, which impressed her a lot.

Hope Kell of Market Facts Inc., compared adult job applicants to teen applicants. Hope said that "overall the adults appear to be more serious about seeking employment than teenagers, but teenagers demonstrate 'eagerness and enthusiasm' that is extremely refreshing."

Fred Bridges, an interviewer for Montgomery Ward, said that he finds most of the teens that have weaknesses are anxious to correct them.

The Harris Bank also trains employees to get "more comfortable with the work they are doing which is usually basic typing and other computer work."

Commonwealth Edison offers training classes with tuition reimbursement which pays 90 percent of the employee's tuition as long as the employed student maintains a "C" average. George Criddell was confident that "an employee can start out in a simple job position and with night school training become a manager or even an executive".

Anita Honek of Sears Towers Bank & Trust believes that most teens who work there are usually willing to correct their deficiencies. The bank offers a tuition reimbursement program at the bank or at the American Institute of Banking, which teens can attend.

But what about teens who are qualified for a job and don't need remedial help from the employer? Do they have a chance to com-

pete for jobs as individuals?

The answers to that question are not clear from our investigation. Clearly there is a stereotype that is working against teens. Three companies we interviewed do give tests to determine an applicant's skills. But the tests are offered after the interviews so that some teen applicants would never get the chance to prove their competence if the interviewer were biased.

That means that the job interview is the key to getting the job. During the interview the "Johnny generation" will have to convince the hirer that he is not the "problem teen" that news stories have made him out to be.

It's probably not fair — but that's the way it is.

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Behind Tinted Glasses

by Tanya Jackson

Panic! Grades are coming!

Are your parents so fussy that they expect something better than a D-average? Are your ear drums still suffering from your parents' reaction to your first quarter grades?

Maybe we can help you prepare them for the semester tragedy next month. You see, parents grow up and forget what teachers are like. They forget that each teacher has a special system of grading. They forget that the real trick of getting better grades is to figure out HOW the teacher grades.

What follows is our Guide to Who's Who in Grading Styles. Offer this Guide to your parents and fill in the names of some of your teachers next to the appropriate heading.

Mrs. Quizamaia

She spends her life writing five-question quizzes. Each quiz score counts toward that great Average in the Sky — the quiz average she will remind you about 25 times in the last six days of the grading period.

She always has purple carbon smudges on her fingers. She delights in surprise quizzes, especially on Friday at eighth

period.

As time runs out on the old quiz average, she creates "extra credit" or "bonus" questions to boost up the averages. "Ten points extra if you can describe longitude and

"She delights in surprise quizzes especially on Friday at eighth period."

latitude without drawing a picture." "Fifteen points extra if you can name seven poems in the Age of Elizabeth that Shakespeare didn't write.

The bonus questions turn the last week of class into a kind of World Series fever. You can always hit a home run the last minute and save your own game.

Mr. Allimportantest

With this teacher your grade is based almost solely on the BIG Semester exam. Every moment of class is aimed at that final

awful 40 minutes.

"Now, class," he says, "I hope that all of you are studying because this is a very difficult exam. I've been a teacher here for nine years, and each year 80 percent of the class fails this exam."

The exams are always stacked high on the desk. The staple barely holds the eight pages together. The first question begins, "Why did the Founding Fathers choose a democracy? Be specific. Give complete proof." How complete can anyone be in 30 seconds!

Miss Projectitis

She stresses the BIG independent project for a grade. The day that her projects come due the school looks like a Ringling Brothers' warehouse.

She doesn't accept anything late, but she always waits until the bitter end to declare what the deadline is. How do you hold five panel discussions in two days? How does everyone find a way to display his cages or

Miss Watchyurbehavior

This teacher has a point system for everything. Points off for tardiness. Points off for having your feet in the aisle. Points off for picking at your fingernails. Even points off for asking her why you got points off.

Of course, the *plus* points are very important to survival. Plus points for name, date, period and course being properly written in the upper right hand corner of the paper. Plus points for doing homework over the weekend. Plus points for cutting articles out of the newspaper. Even plus points for thanking her for giving you plus points.

With this teacher the last few days of the marking period are filled with suspense. One more unintentional pop of gum could change a "C—" to a "D."

Mr. Upintheair

With him you don't know what you're being graded on. He gives you assignments but never collects them. Two days before the grading period ends he says, "Uhh... class, you know those assignments that I've been assigning since Sept. 9. Yeah, well bring them all in tomorrow."

He announces tests but never tells you what they're going to be about and usually doesn't give them anyway. He tells you, "Take a study hall today," and he tells you that several times a week.

But when someone finally asks the question that everyone is thinking: "How will you grade us, Mr. Upintheair?" he frowns. "If you've been studying all along, you have nothing to worry about." That's about as comforting as a majorette's shorts in the Christmas parade.

A note to all teachers: Why wait till the grading period to reveal all your worthy identities? Do it at the beginning of school so your students won't have to wait to be confused.



Breaking Away

by Fannie LeFlore

Test scores=grades

I've just lived through my first mid-term exams at college!

I thought that I would be re-living all the old pressures of quarter reports in high school. And I did re-live them, but I've found that the reasons for the pressure in college is different.

The first time I knew that mid-term grades were out was when a fellow I know hurried up to me after he had checked his mail box. "Fannie, did you get a letter from your counselor about your grades?" he asked.

"No," I said. But I took another look in my box to be sure.

"Well, it must be very important because the letter from my counselor says, 'It is of the utmost importance that you see me immediately.'"

"Wow!" I couldn't help teasing him because he sounded so anxious. "If it is of the utmost, Mike, you'd better go see him soon. But don't worry." I still wanted to know why I

"The professors rarely get to know any of us as individuals. And so the grade in these large classes is solely based on the test score."

didn't get a letter from my counselor, though.

The next day Mike told me that the counselor had contacted him because he was failing a class. Then I was really glad that I

hadn't received any "utmost" letters from my counselor. I still had bad memories from my sophomore year of high school when I got a failure notice in my first period trig class because I missed a lot of days.

But Mike's failing grade wasn't based on missing classes. It was based on his test scores only. Our professors didn't even bother to take attendance in required freshman courses with 300 or 400 enrollments.

These professors rarely get to know any of us as individuals. And so the grade in these large classes is based solely on the test scores. I don't really like this fact, but I do understand it.

I also have classes that are smaller and closer to high school class size. Every student here is required to take a class called rhetoric (really English) with only 20 or 30 other students in the class. I appreciated my evaluations in rhetoric more than the

these big, impersonal classes. At least the final grade is based on what a student has learned and knows. In high school I was aware that some of my grades were influenced by whether a teacher liked me or not; whether I was in the right extracurricular activities; whether I "behaved" in class.

This freedom to be myself is very real in college. I make decisions and I live with the consequences. I know that the decision to get out of bed and go to class or stay there and miss the lecture can affect my test score. I know that the decision to walk out in the middle of class can affect the notes I'll need when I study for mid-terms. That makes the pressure on college grades very different from the pressures in high school. The college grades I get I can't blame on anyone else.

But I'm not fooling myself that this big, impersonal system is the best way to gain my freedom and individuality. I can remember asking a teacher in high school why I had to read a book that had nothing to do with my career plans. I actually was able to ask teachers why they thought a particular assignment was valuable for me to do. You couldn't pay me to ask this question in college.

The university system that I have experienced as a freshman is fair, but it's unbending. My struggle is to meet the school's expectations. So far there's been no chance for me to tell the school what I expect. I hope that as I take more specialized courses in the future I will get that chance.

School Dances

(Continued from page 3.)

schools," said Michael Johnsen, a police officer from the Youth Division of the Chicago Police. "But the schools have to contact their local police first. We don't supply men for inside the school dances."

Officer Johnsen said he had "no idea" how to improve the situation at high school dances. However, there were suggestions from other sources.

Rod Rhodes of the Blue Gargoyle suggested that the best way is to get parent involvement and extra chaperones. He even recruits college students from the

University of Chicago.

The Rev. Ted Napi of Gordon Tech says he always pays an off-duty policeman for security. "We usually give him \$20 or \$30 depending on the crowd."

Gordon Tech asks students to check their coats and purses before they enter the dance. "This stops them from taking drugs and alcohol into the dance, and it keeps people from smoking in the gym."

David Cohen from The Center suggested that people should be lightly patted down (frisked) when they arrive. However, Senn students surveyed said they ob-

jected to being patted down. But Cohen insisted that "it's better that 10 people are indignant so that 90 people feel safe."

Cohen also warns on the Center's pluggers that "no alcohol and no drugs are allowed."

The best warning we've seen printed in the past year was a plugger from a southside set that warned: "We reserve the right to eject any no-good, gangster, thuggish looking people."

Maybe that notice will be as typical of dances in the 80's as the innocence of the American Bandstand was typical of the 50's.



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TV exploits teen sex for ratings

During November a contagious disease circulated through the three Chicago network TV stations. It was an acute case of teen sex.

The cause of this disease on all three stations was a virus called "ratings." In the TV industry this virus is called The November Sweeps.

It was not a coincidence that all three stations ran a series of news stories about sex.

It may have been a coincidence that all three sex stories were about teens. It certainly turned into a "sick" week for all youth in this city once these programs were advertised.

We all know that sex attracts listeners. Obviously the stations chose to run their sex stories during Sweeps Week to gain good audience ratings. The Sweeps Week ratings determine the amount of money that can be charged for commercials, and that's the stations' bread and butter.

Channel 5's advertisement of a teen prostitute leaning against a lamp post was sleazy. It had to affect viewers' impression of their series, which was a good piece of reporting.

Channel 7's representation of teens up to their ears in sex was corny and misleading. But the advertisements were better done than the news series itself.

Renee Ferguson, who reported the Channel 2 series on teen sexuality, admitted that the topic was chosen to pull in audience ratings. She agrees that teens got exploited in the process. "Sure exploitation was involved," she said. "And the channels were competing, but we didn't know all the stations were running similar topics."

It's hard to remember the last time any television newscasters in this city did a series on a teen issue. Then, all of a sudden, we had three series all at once picturing teens as a sex-crazed generation.

We accept Renee Ferguson's opinion that the stations didn't know they would be running similar topics and, therefore, running similar full-page ads in the newspapers in the same week. We hope that the stations are ashamed of the image of teens they presented to the Chicago public.

We hope that they will repair the damage by assigning their reporters to some serious stories about teens in the near future.



Channel 5's (WMAQ-TV) eight-part report on teen prostitution and pornography was a solid piece of investigation. The program exposed the lives of teens who are forced through drugs, kidnappings and threats of violence to remain with those who exploit them.

The report details the seeming indifference of state agencies towards the problems that these teens face. For example, one sixteen-year-old who asked the state for asylum so that she could get out of a prostitution ring was told that she was too psychotic to enter a state institution; another institution said she wasn't psychotic enough. She finally found refuge at a home for former prostitutes in Colorado.

Channel 5 made extensive use of the hidden camera to give the story added impact with the viewer. The hidden camera showed a pimp trying to reclaim a teenaged prostitute, a pornographer making a deal to produce and sell obscene pictures of young girls and a spotter (person who recruits prostitutes for pimps) trying to entice a girl into a prostitution operation.

The time and money invested in this important subject is evident in the finished reports. It would be good to see this type of effort put into the reporting of other real teen issues.

The Channel 5 investigation was by far the best journalistic effort of the three side-by-side series.

Sherwood Daniels



Channel 2's first episode of "Teen Sex: Is All The Way the Only Way?" reported that 50 percent of all teenagers between 15 and 19 years old have had sex.

The second episode of the series reported that 50 percent of all teenagers between 15 and 19 years old have had sex.

And the third episode of the series reported that 50 percent of all teenagers between 15 and 19 years old have had sex.

Would you say that Channel 2's mini-report repeated itself?

At the beginning of each segment Renee Ferguson asked a question, but the only significant information that was offered in response to that question was the "50 percent" statistic. Maybe that's why it was repeated so much.

Ferguson interviewed teens who were sexually active. Some said that sex satisfies them. Others mentioned that they could not handle it.

Those teens were very honest with their very personal responses. But the report was not equal to the sacrifices that these teens made in talking that openly before a TV camera.

The program provided new statistics. But it failed to provide teens and parents with an analysis of why it is happening. The usual consequence of pregnancy was highlighted. But the other emotional consequences were ignored.

The subject is a heavy one. Channel 2 made light of it all.

Dawn Biggs



Warning to teens: according to a Channel 7 News Close Up, music may be poisonous to your mind.

"X-rated Music," a recent close-up series by Jay Levine, described the music that is popular with teens as sexually explicit. This music, according to the report, encourages teens to have sex and use drugs.

However, Levine failed to interview the main source of information on this subject — teens themselves. Out of the five-night, twenty-five-minute report, Levine interviewed only three teens about the music they listened to.

One teen said the music encouraged her to have sex, while another teen disagreed. In the opening segment of the program, Levine talked to teens at an Alice Cooper concert who told him that the music made them feel high, but they didn't refer to the lyrics at all.

The interviews in the report were puzzling, pointless and most of all adult.

Nowhere in the report was there a real case where the research or the interviews showed that songs like "Another One Bites The Dust" or "Lady In Lust" had any effect on a teen's morals.

If Ch. 7 is convinced that the music industry is too open about sex for teens, then why do they air shows like "Firdays" or why does their sister station, WLS, play these songs all day long?

Carmen Walker

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Chicago's being shot up...

The Chicago area is steadily becoming a popular film center. Already this year we have had "The Hunter," "The Blues Brothers," "My Bodyguard," and "Ordinary People." Three films are currently being shot here, and one just recently finished up.

Steven Tesish's ("Breaking Away") latest screenplay, "Four Friends," concerns his experience in the 1960's. This, like "Breaking Away," is a story of his personal experiences; it should be in theaters next spring.

Two television movies are also in the works. Cicely Tyson in "Welcome to Success: The Marva Collins Story," is the true story of a Westside-Chicago teacher who has been incredibly effective in her teaching methods.

Another television movie being filmed here is "Skokie," a drama about the problems that came about due to the famous Neo-Nazi marches through the

predominantly Jewish suburb in 1977 and 1978. Starring in "Skokie" are Danny Kaye, John Rubinstein and Carl Reiner. "Skokie" also has a fine production staff, including the producer of "Holocaust," and the author of several episodes of "Roots." "Skokie" will be aired next spring.

Finally, "Continental Divide" is now being filmed in the Loop area with John Belushi as a Chicago newsman. It's being filmed at the Sun-Times Building, Cook County Hospital and around the



Loop. It should be released next summer. It is directed by the same man who did "Coal Miner's Daughter" (one of the year's best films), Michael Apted.

Movie ad-ventures...

Ever notice that the movie advertising often changes by the second or third week that a movie is in town?

Usually, the ad changes because the film is failing at the box office. And this has been a great year for box-office disappointments such as "Bronco Billy" and "Honeysuckle Rose."

Both of these movies dropped their pleasant, down-home ads and replaced them with ads that emphasized the presence of Clint Eastwood and Willie Nelson. In the ad for "Urban Cowboy,"

John Travolta was taken off the mechanical bull after the first week and put into the arms of a woman, slow-dancing. The box office immediately picked up.

The latest example of this marketing occurred with "Gloria." The first ad pictured Gena Rowlands standing next to a little boy with a small pistol in her hand. Later, when it was released in neighborhood theaters, Rowlands was aiming a huge gun (the type that Clint Eastwood usually carries around). After a week,

Media Mix

by Brian Lewis

Gloria and her gun quietly left Chicago without a bang.

Cher bites the dust...

Cher hasn't been too successful lately. People just aren't listening to her music anymore. To combat this, Cher decided she would just make it louder.

At a recent engagement in Las Vegas, Cher's music was turned 25 decibels above the Nevada limit of 115. Both Cher and the hotel were cited for this violation.

Cher probably will now convince herself that the laws protecting her audience are holding her back. It seems that washed-up musical stars like Cher, Kiss, and Alice Cooper (with the exception of Van Halen) want to split our ear drums to make us believe it's good.

Holiday Calendar

Special Events

Christmas Around the World, The Museum of Science and Industry, now thru Jan. 6. The International Buffet of Foods is served every day from 5-8 pm for \$5.75 (kid's price).

Caroling at the Lincoln Park Zoo, cocoa, cookies, musicians, Dec. 21 at 3 pm. Meet at the Sea Lion's Pool (935-6700).

Kwanza Festival, Dec. 26 at 12:15 pm (traditional African harvest festival); Dec. 27, Kwanza purification rite with Muntu Dance Theater, Chicago Culture Center (269-2835).

New Year's Eve on State Street, special festivities on The Mall at Midnight. **Mayor Byrne's Holiday Basketball Tournament**, Circle Campus. Check sports section of your daily newspaper for times and listing of high school team pairings.

Concerts

Chicago Children's Choir Christmas

Concert, University of Chicago, 5706 S. University, Dec. 14 at 4 pm. For ticket information call 753-3318.

Harry Chapin, Mill Run Theater, Dec. 13 & 14, \$9.75 (298-2170).

Christmas Cheer at the Goodman Theater, Monroe and Columbus Dr. — choirs from Academy of Our Lady, Dec. 10, 1:30 pm; Lindblom, Dec. 17 at 1:30 pm; Evanston Township choir, Dec. 18 at 7 pm. (443-3811).

DeLaSalle Symphonic Band at the Daley Center, Dec. 17 at noon.

Theater

"The Nutcracker," McCormick Place, Dec. 18 thru Jan. 4 (many Chicago-area high school dancers), \$3.50-\$10. (791-6000).

"The Rocky Horror Show," Granada Theater, 6427 N. Sheridan, Dec. 18 thru Jan. 4, \$7.50-\$15.50 (376-8408).

"A Christmas Commercial," rock-musical adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," at The Puppet Place, 2146 N. Halsted, Dec. 18 thru Jan. 3, \$2 (871-

5011).

"Simple Gifts," at the Culture Center, Sat., Dec. 13 at 2 pm by the Chicago Actors Workshop. Free.

"Go Tell It On the Mountain," at the Culture Center, Dec. 23 at 12:15 pm by the Black Arts Celebration. Free.

Television Specials

"Dog Day Afternoon" (Ch. 5), Dec. 13 at 8 pm.

"Perry Como's Christmas in the Holy Land" (Ch. 7), Dec. 13 at 8 pm.

"Blinded by the Light" (Ch. 2), Dec. 16 at 8 pm.

"Butch and Sundance: The Early Years" (Ch. 2), Dec. 17 at 8 pm.

"A Time for Miracles" (Ch. 7), Dec. 21 at 8 pm.

"The Nutcracker" (Ch. 2), Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm.

"An American Christmas Carol" (Ch. 7), Dec. 25 at 8 pm.

"The Treasure of Alpheus T. Winterborn" (Ch. 2), Dec. 26 at 3 pm.

Volunteer

The Christmas Season has always been a time of special concern for the lonely, the needy and the dependent. While teens don't normally have the money to contribute to the Wreath of Hope, they do have talent to contribute.

New Expression contacted local agencies to see whether they would appreciate teen volunteers at the holidays.

Here are the agencies that asked for help.

Life Line Center, 5120 S. Federal, needs tutors, dancers and home visitors to the elderly. Contact Mrs. Stanley (924-9300).

Sara's Circle, 4455 N. Broadway, a shelter for abused women, needs girls who could help cook on Dec. 15 or Dec. 22. Contact Janet Sullivan (728-1991).

Marillac House, 2822 W. Jackson, needs volunteers to help with their Christmas sale on Dec. 20 from 9:30 to 3:30. The proceeds will help needy families on the Westside. Contact Mrs. Hallagan (722-7440).

United Farm Workers, 22 E. Van Buren, wants teens who will make phone calls and help picket the week before Christmas to discourage shoppers from buying non-union lettuce, the purchase of which affects the wages of migrant workers. Call Guy Costello (786-0529).

Lutheran Social Services, 4840 W. Byron, needs volunteers to help collect canned goods and toys for needy families. Contact Barbara Tehl (282-7800).

New World Christian Ministries, 939 E. 72nd, wants volunteers who will help entertain pre-school children. Contact Mrs. Bonds (955-5170).

Sears After-school, 3210 W. Arthington, needs teens to work with younger children to prepare a Christmas program, costumes, read stories and work in arts and crafts. Call Gwen Whiten (638-5722).

Church Federation, 116 S. Michigan, needs teens to help cover their phones for a special Holiday Hotline which provides listeners for lonely and depressed people. The hotline will run day and night beginning Dec. 22 until Dec. 26. You must commit to a brief training session. Call (565-1100).

Infant Formula Action Coalition, 22 E. Van Buren, needs volunteers to make posters, type, and take phone calls in working to protect the infants of third world countries. Call Elaine Larry (427-4351).

Uptown People Service, 1222 W. Wilson, needs teens to help with their Christmas Survival Program. The program provides toys to needy children. Call Karen Sandler (769-2085).

Casa Aztlan, 1831 S. Racine, needs teens to collect toys and provide entertainment for needy children. The help is needed Monday-Friday, a week before Christmas, starting Dec. 17. Call Humberto Selinas (666-5508).

SORRY.

No Teaser this month, but the Teaser will return with the January issue. Here are the winners of the October Teaser: Ainetta V. Terry, Westinghouse, Deborah Armstead, South Shore and Laura Lynn Cribbs, Lane.

TOO UGLY?

Worried about being too ugly, too short, too fat, too shy, too smart? Curious about first dates, blind dates, prom dates, dead-end dates?

To learn more about social situations, read *Dating Habits of Young Black Americans* by Dr. Porter. Available at Timbuktu Bookstore and Ellis' Bookstore, or call 651-1235 for information.

WORK YOUR WAY THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

High school may be free, but it still takes money to get through. Gas. Movies. Records. Hamburgers. Hobbies. They cost money. One good reason to join your local Army Reserve unit part-time during high school. With us, you can earn over \$1,000 a year part-time while you learn how to tune engines, build roads, and more. All it takes is a weekend a month during school. The rest of your work can be scheduled for the summer when you just might need a good job anyway! Interested?

MEET TODAY'S ARMY RESERVE.

926-2640

Food

Looking for a different place to spend your time and money over the holidays? Here is a list of NE's suggestions with an average price on their menu.

- Sally's Stage**, 6330 N. Western, waitresses on roller skates, \$5.95 to \$12.60. (Gone Urban Cowboy.)
- Magic Pan**, 60 E. Walton, for French atmosphere and crepes, \$2.75 to \$5.25.
- Hamburger Hamlet**, 66 E. Walton, an arcade atmosphere, \$3.75 to \$15.00
- East Inn**, 206 E. Superior, Italian food with a game room, \$3.25 to \$10.00
- Tropical Hut**, 9156 S. Stony Island, Polynesian Island atmosphere, \$3.50 to \$18.50.
- Chicago Claim Company**, 2314 N. Clark, exotic hamburger joint, \$3.95 to \$8.98.
- D. B. Kaplan**, Water Tower Place, 7th Level, a deli for everyone, \$3.50 to \$5.50.
- Pago Pago**, 227 W. Jackson, Chinese food served "Scandinavian Style" smorgasbord, \$3.20 to \$6.00.
- The Great Gritzbe's Flying Food Show**, 21 E. Chestnut, the most outstanding dessert bar in town, \$3.25 to \$5.
- Chinese Deli**, 225 W. Cermak, a favorite of Oriental clientele (Cantonese), \$3.25 to \$6.60.
- Casta Brava**, 4006 N. Broadway, seafood with South American flair, \$4.75 to \$6.75.
- Park Avenue Spats**, River Oaks Mall, a nostalgic look at decor from the 1920's and 1950's, \$3.00 to \$10.00.

Compiled by Phillip Jackson
with Leonard Murphy

Movies

Shogun Assassin

Lone Wolf is an excellent assassin. In fact, he is too good. His boss, the Shogun, decides that Lone Wolf should be killed so that he won't pose any threat.

The assassins knock off Lone Wolf's wife instead. So after the hero wins his revenge by killing off all the Shogun's sons, he travels the backroads of Japan with his son as a free-lance assassin.

What happens to this father-son team isn't "Kramer vs. Kramer" material, but "Shogun Assassin" is one of the strangest, most interesting experiences of the year.

"Shogun Assassin" was originally produced in Japan as part of the Japanese Samurai "Baby Cart" series. Two American producers gained the rights to it and edited the six-hour production down to 81 minutes. At the same time a new script was dubbed over the print of the film.

The film looks a lot like a Clint Eastwood shoot-em-up Western. This violence plus the overly bad script will make "Shogun Assassin" a success. It is purposely written badly to satirize other films of its kind. Some of the lines are much more 20th Century America than 16th Century Japan.

One would-be female assassin of Lone Wolf jumps out of her samurai robe and runs backwards over the hills. Another would-be assassin gives Lone Wolf a 30-second speech as he lies dying with a slashed throat.

This film also features a freaked-out sound track that sounds like something between rock's Queen and Devo.

"Shogun Assassin" is very effective at what it tries to do. It's the best take off

this year next to "Airplane." I wouldn't be surprised if it became a midnight show classic. But don't go to see it unless you have an open mind and a strong stomach.

Brian Lewis



Flash Gordon

Flash Gordon

The advertisements for this film stress that the sound track was created by the Rock group Queen. It is fitting, then, to say that "Flash Gordon" bites the dust.

The story has been modernized over its 1930's version. Flash, played by Sam J. Jones, is now the star quarterback for the New York Jets. Jones' acting is about as impressive as the Jet's win-loss record this year.

As our planet hangs on the brink of destruction, Flash, Professor Zarkov and Dale Arden rush off to Planet Mongo to do battle with Emperor Ming. Ming plans to destroy our planet, and only Flash can save us. Those are disappointing odds.

It seems that the new producers are trying to satirize the original film, but the script is not funny, and the director has no sense of comic timing. "Flash" has the same trouble producing laughs as do some of the mindless situation comedies on television. It's not enough for Director Mike Hodges to dress his characters in weird costumes — good films are more than masquerade balls.

As for the sound track by Queen, you'll have to buy it to hear it. The dialogue of the characters and the background

sound have so muted the Queen that it is like listening to an AM car radio under the el tracks. During the major battle sequence the music is drowned out by loud laser guns.

"Flash Gordon" is just another in the line of big-budget bombs for 1980.

Brian Lewis

Stir Crazy

This film is crazy! The slapstick team of Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder are wilder than ever.

The story is about two New Yorkers, Skip Donahue (Wilder), an out-of-work playwright, and Harry Monroe (Pryor), an out-of-work actor. They both decide to leave the city for the "big time" of Hollywood. But they get more than they bargained for when they are caught in a case of "mistaken chicken" during a bank robbery.

Gene Wilder is very believable as a zany optimist. He won't allow the prison guards to make him miserable once he and Pryor are jailed for their supposed bank robbery.

The prison setting seems to dull the usual slapstick of Pryor, but his street language is as heavy as ever. The film tries to show the corruption of prisons, but the satire fails. Maybe it's because prison is such an un-funny place that comedy seems out of place.

Even though the satire may fail, the laughter doesn't. If you like Wilder and Pryor, go and enjoy.

Phillip Jackson

Holiday choices

Most of the BIG holiday films were not available for preview as we went to press. From our advanced information we would recommend:

"A Change of Seasons" The story of a couple changing mates (sounds familiar) with Anthony Hopkins, Shirley McLane and Bo Derek.

"The Formula" Marlon Brando and George C. Scott appear in this new spy-adventure story.

"Raging Bull" Robert DeNiro and director Martin Scorsese team up for the fourth time with this biography of former middleweight champ Jake LaMotta. From the producers of "Rocky."

"The Jazz Singer" Neil Diamond, Laurence Olivier and Lucie Arnaz star in this second remake of the movie's first sound flick.

"Nine to Five" Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton portray three secretaries fed up with their boss.

"First Family" Bob Newhart stars in this satire about life in the White House, with Gilda Radner.

Books as Gifts

Here are the reviewers' picks for paperback books that will make good Christmas gifts for the right persons. Here are our people categories and the books (and prices) to fit them.

Love Story Buffs

(sentimental types)

Forever, Blume \$2.50

Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jo Jones, Head \$1.50

Summer of My German Soldier, Green \$1.95

Endless Love, Spencer \$2.75

The Promise, Pottok \$2.50

Love Story, Seagal \$1.75

The Thorn Bird, McCullough \$2.75

Suspense Freaks

Death Wears a Red Hat, Kienzie,

\$2.50

Nightshift, King \$2.95

Twins, Geasland

The House Next Door, Siddona \$2.25

The Seven Per Cent Solution, Mayer \$1.95

Manitou, Masterson \$2.25

The Piercing, Coyne \$2.50

The Survivor, Hurbert \$2.25

Identity Searchers

(who still like heroes)

The Pigman, Zindel \$2.25

Walkabout, Marshall \$1.50

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